

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B

6/7 April 2024

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**MASS TIMES**

**Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am**

**Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am**

**FAMILY MASS – 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEKEND EACH MONTH**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday 10.00am to 10.30am**



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**MASS TIMES**

**Wednesday & Friday 10:00am**

**Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)**

**8:00pm (Neocatechumenal way)**

**Sunday 9am (English)**

**10:30am (Italian)**

**FAMILY MASS – 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEKEND EACH MONTH**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 7:15pm**

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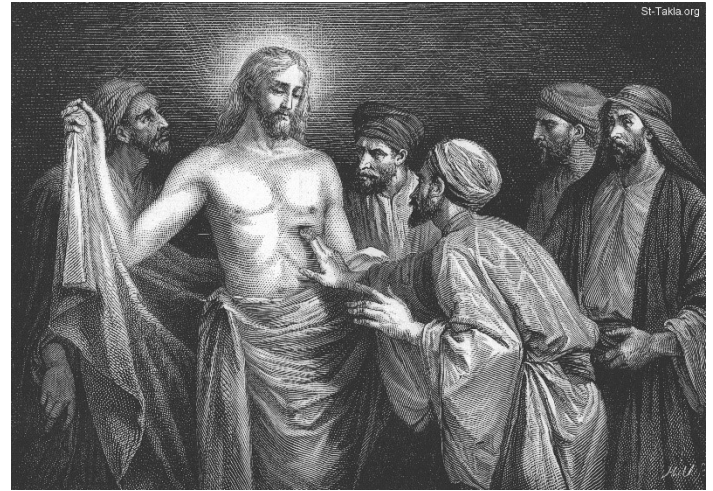
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### REFLECTION

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds. We know the community of Ephesus, for



which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation after the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's Risen presence are his marks of suffering? Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Over recent years films like *Stigmata*, *Dogma*, *Agnes of God* and even the appalling *Daredevil* give a hysterical and cynical prominence to the stigmata. There are regular 'believe it or not' documentaries that usually follow suit. Even some pilgrims flocked to Padre Pio's monastery in the south of Italy to see if his hands really bled, or if his wounds really wept. This desire to see outward signs of inner faith is a long way short of Jesus telling us today, 'Happy are those who believe without seeing.' Our day-to-day lives should be the clearest manifestation of the cross and resurrection of Christ.

It seems, however, that words and wounds still make a claim on us today. You and I know that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God can be greatest. The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven. Years ago I remember struggling with some personal issues during a retreat. One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the retreat director, adapting today's psalm, 117, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone'. By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds. And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fears, doubts and disbelief and transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith. So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is the one which God wants to use as the cornerstone. When we see this happening, when we see God taking the part of us we consider most unlovable and using it for good, then we want to cry out with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.' (© Richard Leonard SJ)

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING** *Acts 4:32-35*

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalm 117*

**R. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.**

- Let the sons of Israel say:  
‘His love has no end.’  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
‘His love has no end.’  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
‘His love has no end.’ R.

- The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. R.

- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. R.

**SECOND READING** *1 John 5:1-6*

*A reading from the first letter of St John.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God’s children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Jn 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *John 20:19-31*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so

am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’ Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
*(All bow during these two lines)*  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

**We Pray for:** -Those who have died: George Paligaru, Wayne Stauber, Spira Buhagiar, Concettina Polimeni

**-Anniversaries:** Peter De Fazio, Ennio Volpe

**-Those who are ill:** Gerard Watts, Anna Alessi, Irene Mary Wymer, Betty Galladh, Mary Mobbs, Marjorie Del Rosario, John Busuttill, Tina Guido, Genevieve Stannard, Anthony Xavier, Dean Ross, Windsor Jones, John Moore, Marie Virag, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero & Francesco Varone, Jessica Ngo, Ardith Dowling, Fr Emmanuel, Maria George

| READERS:   | 6/7 APRIL                        | 13/14 April                    |
|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sat 5.00pm | A. Taglieri(L), W. Cahill(R)     | V. Pertile(L), J. Pertile(R)   |
| Sun 8.45am | B. Messina(L), C. D'Orazio(R)    | M. Carabott(L), F. Minutolo(R) |
| 10.30am    | R. Robles-McColl(L), F. Bucci(R) | O. Aquino(L), S. Harrison(R)   |

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

|            |             |              |
|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sat 5.00pm | T. Srejic   | L. Teoh      |
| Sun 8.45am | M. Carabott | M. Bolitho   |
| 10.30am    | C. Steere   | A. Cocomello |

## ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

### WE PRAY FOR:

**Those who have died:** Cesario Giuliano, Spira Buhagiar

**Anniversaries:** Josephine Fenech (3rd Ann), Lidia Castellucci (4th Ann) Graciano De Jesus, Antonio Pugliano, Giuseppe Pitruzzello (1Yr), Giuseppe Tabacco, Frank Tabacco. Phil Charmers

**Those who are ill:** Rachel Inguanti, Rosa Strangis & Maria Spagnolo, Jessica Ngo, Marie Virag

| READERS:   | 6/7 April                    | 13/14 April                  |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sat 6.30pm | Alfred Meilak                | Judy O'Meara                 |
| Sun 9.00am | Alfred Meilak                | Loretta & Mia Stibilj        |
| 10.30am    | Sam Stagliano & T/M Costanzo | Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano |

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

|            |                |                    |
|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Sat 6.30pm | Alfred Meilak  | Mary De Marco      |
| Sun 9.00am | Annette Barnes | Alfred Meilak      |
| 10.30am    | Sam Stagliano  | Giuseppe Schivello |

### St OLIVER'S PARISH CUPPA

**All are invited to enjoy a 'cuppa' after the 6 pm Saturday masses and 10.30 am Sunday masses on the following dates:** April 7/8, May 19/20, June 2/3, July 14/15, August 11/12, Sept 15/16, Oct 13/14, Nov 10/11, Dec 1/2

### ALPHA COURSE MILL PARK

Is there more to life? If you could ask God one question, what would you ask? THE ALPHA COURSE, Thursdays, April 11 – June 20, 2024, 7pm. St Francis of Assisi Church, Mill Park. Phone: Paul 0408-680-976

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Boxes can be returned to parish office. Tax deductible receipts available on request.

## FEAST OF MERCY Celebration † 2024 †

St Oliver Plunkett's & St. Paul's Parish  
cnr Gaffney St & Landells Rd  
Pascoe Vale VIC 3044



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024

### PROGRAMME:

2.00 PM: CONFESSIONS  
THE MOST HOLY ROSARY OF THE BVM  
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

3.00 PM: HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS  
BLESSING OF THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

SOLEMN BENEDICTION

All most cordially welcome

### Enquiries:

St. Oliver Plunkett's Church: ☎ (03) 7036 9330  
Divine Mercy Apostolate: ☎ (03) 9354 3878

## THE FEAST OF MERCY

The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of my mercy. (Diary 699)

### VENERATION OF THE IMAGE

The Image of the Merciful Jesus is to have a special place of honour on the Feast of Mercy, a visual reminder of all that Jesus did for us through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection ... and a reminder too, of what He asks of us in return – to trust Him and be merciful to others:

**I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it.** (Diary 341)

### A Special Promise

Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy is recorded three times in the Diary of St. Faustina, each time in a slightly different way:

**I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of my Mercy** (1109).

**Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment** (300).

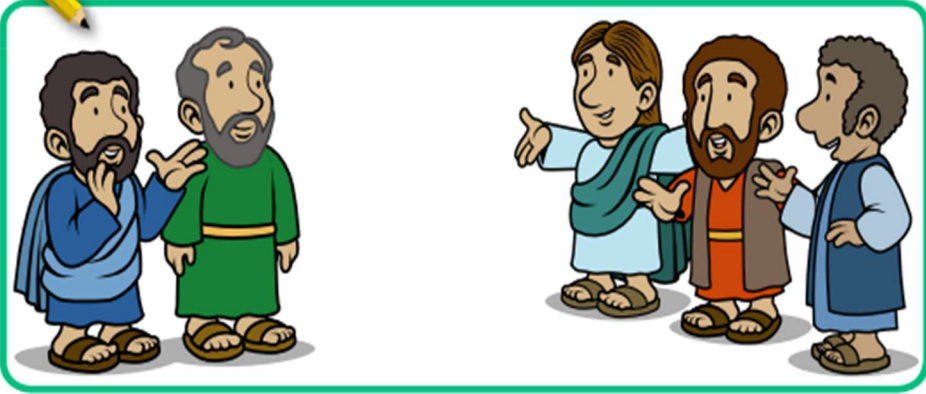
**The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment** (699).

# Have faith and you will be blessed



2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B

A week after Jesus died he appeared to his disciples. They were very happy to see him. Draw the risen Jesus.



Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. He wanted to see Jesus' hands and side before he would believe that Jesus had come back to life. Re-arrange the tiles to discover the important message Jesus gave to Thomas.

|            |               |             |             |              |
|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| me and yet | they believe. | those who h | Blessed are | ave not seen |
|            |               |             |             |              |

What are some things in today's world that show us that Jesus' spirit is with us? Circle the correct answers and add some of your own.



|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| poverty        | war                |
| people sharing | people who love us |
| the Church     | selfishness        |

**CASHLESS PAYMENTS** St Oliver's  
 CDFPay for Parish:  
<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>  
**OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:**  
 St Olivers Church A/C:  
**BSB: 083-347 ACC: 55158 7979**  
 Presbytery A/C:  
**BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158**

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:**  
 Collection Thanksgiving \$ 2118.10  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Presbytery \$ 997.90  
 Holy Land Collection: \$1475.45  
 Direct debits MARCH \$ 2010.00

**CASHLESS PAYMENTS** St Paul's  
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**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection Sacrificial \$ 1827.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Presbytery \$ 1637.40  
 Direct debits MARCH \$ 446.00  
 We are very grateful for your support.

**Safety of Children & all Vulnerable People.** We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people, as a central and fundamental responsibility, of our parishes. The Parish Statement of Commitment and the Reporting Process, are on display in all churches, and all Parish Policies are available, on the website: [cam.org.au/Coburg](http://cam.org.au/Coburg)

## PROGRAMS

### ST PAULS PARISH

#### ADORATION:

First Friday of the month: 10.30am-12pm

#### BAPTISMS:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of the Month at 12pm

#### COMMUNION TO SICK:

Thursdays & Fridays

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sundays 10am

**ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP:** Wed 10.30 am

**Legion of Mary:** Monday mornings at 10.30.

#### ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2023/24

St Lucy Feast Day 10 Dec 2023 2pm

St Joseph Feast Day 17 Mar 2024 2pm

### ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

#### BAPTISMS:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday's of the Month at 12pm

(By Appointment)

#### MARRIAGES:

By appointment with at least

6 months notice

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month during the 10.30am Mass (except during school holidays)

#### PARISH ACTIVITIES: MONDAY:

**Christian Mediation- Chris Rowland**

7-8pm Parish Centre – 0411 440 746

**TUESDAY: Italian Ladies Prayer Group**

10am Meeting Room

**St Vincent de Paul**

5.00pm Parish Centre

(last Tuesday of the month)

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

7.30pm Parish Centre

#### WEDNESDAY:

**Drop-In Centre**

1-3pm Church/Parish Centre

Next Week's Readings: **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter**

First Reading: [Acts 3:13-15, 17-19](#)

Second Reading: [1 John 2:1-5](#)

Gospel: [Luke 24:25-48](#)

#### A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

Are you new to our Parish? \_\_\_\_\_

Need Thanksgiving envelopes? \_\_\_\_\_

Would like a home visit and house blessing? \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

To existing parishioners: if you would like to contribute on a regular basis using the envelopes, please complete the above. Thank you.